## Racial Balance in The Manchester Public Schools

The Manchester Board of Education is committed to maintaining racial balance within all its schools and programs and is determined to provide quality education and equal educational opportunities for all students regardless of their race, ethnic background or economic backgrounds, in accordance with State and Federal laws. The overriding focus is to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation.

The Manchester Board of Education firmly believes that a racially balanced student body is an important component of quality education. The Board realizes that the imbalanced concentration of racial groupings in schools, from whatever cause, is one of the factors which inhibits the educational development of the children involved and that the existence of racial imbalance is inconsistent with the democratic principle of equality of educational opportunity.

The Board also recognizes that the solution to racial imbalance is a matter of total community concern and one for which the parents, students and staff of all schools must accept responsibility. The Board will also adhere to the concept that any inconvenience or burden to achieve racial balance in the district shall not be borne disproportionately by a specific group.

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